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ALL SHOOK UP: EXPERTS DISCUSS ELVIS PRESLEY'S EARLY CAREER

All Shook Up: The Rock and Roll Legacy of Elvis Presley
Sunday, September 17, 1995
2:00–4:00 pm in Gartner Auditorium
Tickets $8/$5 CMA & RRHoFM members

All Shook Up: The Rock and Roll Legacy of Elvis Presley, Sunday September 17 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, is a special event at the Cleveland Museum of Art cosponsored by the art museum and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. Peter Guralnick, author of *Last Train to Memphis: The Rise of Elvis Presley* (1994), and music historians Robert Gordon and Charles Wolfe discuss Elvis and the culture of popular music, joined by Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum chief curator Jim Henke and education director Robert Santelli.

Guralnick's *Last Train to Memphis* has received universal praise from national music and literary critics. A sampling: "profound and moving...a triumph of biographical art" (*New York Times Book Review*); "this book cancels out all others" (Bob Dylan); "the definitive Elvis biography the moment it was announced" (*Atlantic Monthly*); "supple and altogether splendid (*Time*); "sends you rushing back to the recordings with fresh ears" (Elvis Costello); "it's impossible to imagine a finer book on the subject" (*The New Yorker*). Gordon and Wolfe are both are also highly-praised authors specializing in indigenous American music.

Santelli will begin the event with a brief introduction, after which Guralnick will speak about Presley's early years. A question-and-answer session with all the panelists will follow.

Guralnick will sign copies of his book after the event. Tickets are $8 general admission, $5 for CMA and RRHoFM members, at the door beginning at 1:00 pm. The museum galleries, cafe, and store will be open as usual beginning at 1:00 that afternoon. The forum celebrates the opening of the RRHoFM and complements the exhibition *Elvis + Marilyn: 2 x Immortal,* on view at the art museum through September 24. Call 216/421–7340 for information.

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